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1. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REFUGEE DEVELOPMENTS
AND RELIEF ACTIVITIES FOR JULY. SIGNIFICANT NEW DEVELOPMENTS REQUIRING

WASHINGTON'S IMMEDIATE ATTENTION WILL BE CABLED AS THEY OCCUR.

SUMMARY: REFUGEE DEVELOPMENTS. RECENT INCREASE IN MILITARY
ACTIVITY IN BATTAMBANG HAS GENERATED 8,000 NEW REFUGEES.

THEIR GENERAL CONDITION IS RELATIVELY GOOD AND VOLAGS ARE
NOW PREPARING TO ASSIST THEM. REFUGEE SITUATION IN TAKEO
CONTINUES TO DETERIORATE AND SOME REFUGEES WILL PROBABLY HAVE
TO BE RESETTLED IN OTHER PROVINCES. THE OVERALL SITUATION IN
KOMPONG CHAM HAS IMPROVED AND REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT APPEARS TO
BE POSSIBLE.

RELIEF ACTIVITIES. ASSISTANCE TO THE 10,000
REFUGEES FROM LONG VEK CONTINUES AND WITH THE ACQUISITION OF
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800 HA. OF FARMLAND, RESETTLEMENT PROJECTS SHOULD BEGIN

SHORTLY. IN NEAK LOEUNG CRS HAS STARTED TO IMPLEMENT A RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM FOR 1,500 REFUGEE FAMILIES, WHILE IN KOMPONG SOM, CRS AND WVRO WILL JOIN FORCES TO PREPARE 310 HA. FOR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT. UNICEF DURING JULY BEGAN A PROGRAM TO UPGRADE 11 GKR MOH DISPENSARIES IN PHNOM PENH. THE IOG CONTINUED ITS PROGRAM OF REFUGEE DISTRIBUTIONS, CAMP IMPROVEMENT, AND DIRECT MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. THE RDF CONTINUED TO SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENT ITS ON-GOING PROGRAMS. WHILE CRS EXPANDED ITS RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMS IN NEAK LOEUNG AND KOMPONG SPEU, WVRO CONCENTRATED ON EXPANDING ITS MEDICAL PROGRAM IN BOTH PHNOM PENH AND THE PROVINCES. AND FINALLY, CARE DISTRIBUTED RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO OVER 118,000 PEOPLE WHILE CONTINUING ITS RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

2. SIGNIFICANT REFUGEE DEVELOPMENTS

A. BATTAMBANG.

FOR THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS KHMER COMMUNIST ACTIVITY HAS BEEN BUILDING IN BATTAMBANG AND DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF JULY HEAVY FIGHTING BROKE OUT AROUND KOS KRALOR DISTRICT, 35 KMS. TO THE SOUTHEAST OF THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL, AND IN THE TA HEN/TA NGIN AREA, 20-30 KM. TO THE WEST. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW REFUGEES GENERATED NOW STANDS AT 8,000 AND MORE ARE MOVING INTO THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL EVERY DAY. THE GENERAL CONDITION OF THESE NEWLY ARRIVED REFUGEES APPEARS QUITE GOOD, AND MOST HAVE FOOD AND ARE ALREADY LIVING UNDER MAKESHIFT TEMPORARY SHELTERS. THEIR HEALTH IS ALSO GOOD, ALTHOUGH SOME WERE WOUNDED DURING THE FIGHTING. THE RESPONSE OF THE PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES HAS BEEN DISCOURAGING - NO FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE AND THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL STAFF HAS NOT YET VISITED THE REFUGEE LOCATIONS. ON AUGUST 8, MINISTER KONG ORN AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VOLAGS VISITED BATTAMBANG AND THE IOG AGREED ON THE SPOT TO ARRANGE FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS TO 1,130 FAMILIES. IN ADDITION, WVRO IS CONSIDERING SENDING UP AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TEAM WITHIN A WEEK.

B. TAKEO. THE OVERALL REFUGEE SITUATION IN TAKEO CONTINUES TO DETERIORATE. ACCORDING TO RECENT FIELD REPORTS FROM USAID PERSONNEL, REFUGEES IN TAKEO SUFFER MOST FROM THE SCARCITY AND HIGH COST OF FOOD (MOST FOOD HAS TO BE FLOWN IN FROM PHNOM PENH), AND THE CONTINUED INADEQUACY OF HOUSING (MOST REFUGEES ARE STILL LIVING IN SHANTIES ALONG THE ROAD-UNCLASSIFIED

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SIDE OR IN THE SHELLS OF BURNED-OUT BUILDINGS). WITH CONDITIONS IN TAKEO SO DIFFICULT, MANY REFUGEES HAVE DECIDED TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES IN KHMER COMMUNIST TERRITORIES AND SINCE APRIL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS REPORT THAT OVER 1,100 REFUGEES HAVE LEFT. ACCORDING TO KHMER SOURCES, MANY OF THESE REFUGEES WERE CAPTURED AND EXECUTED AS SPIES BY THE KHMER COMMUNISTS. IN RESPONSE TO THE PLIGHT OF THE REFUGEES IN TAKEO, THE IOG AND CRS ARE NOW ARRANGING FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

TO OVER 5,000 FAMILIES, AND WVRO AND THE RDF ARE PLANNING RESETTLEMENT AND AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. HOWEVER, WITH WORK AND TILLABLE LAND IN DESPERATELY SHORT SUPPLY, IT APPEARS THAT SOME REFUGEES IN TAKEO ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BE MOVED AND RESETTLED IN OTHER KHMER PROVINCES. C. KOMPONG CHAM. THE GENERAL SITUATION IN KOMPONG CHAM IS MIXED. IN COMPARISON WITH SEPTEMBER, 1973, THERE HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT. SECURITY IS GOOD, THE PRODUCTION OF FOOD HAS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY, AND RELATIONS BETWEEN THE POPULATION AND THE BETTER DISCIPLINED MILITARY HAVE IMPROVED. HOWEVER, THE PERIMETER HAS NOT BEEN EXPANDED SINCE LAST YEAR, MUCH LAND IS STILL UNUSED, AND FEW OF THE REFUGEES WHO FLED THE FIGHTING TO PHNOM PENH HAVE RETURNED. AS FOR THOSE REFUGEES REMAINING IN TOWN, THEIR NUMBER NOW STANDS AT APPROXIMATELY 20,000 AND NEW REFUGEES CONTINUE TO COME IN FROM UNDER KHMER COMMUNIST CONTROL AT A RATE OF ABOUT 200 TO 300 PER MONTH. (PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES EXPECT A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE RATE DURING THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS BECAUSE HEAVY RAINS AND HIGH WATER LEVEL MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE KHMER COMMUNISTS TO CONTROL ACCESS TO THE CITY.) THE IOG IS CONTINUING TO MAKE REGULAR FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS IN KOMPONG CHAM AND THE REFUGEES APPEAR TO BE RELATIVELY WELL FED. CARE HAS ALSO MADE SOME PRELIMINARY SURVEYS HERE AND FEEL THAT THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT. UNLIKE MOST OTHER ENCLAVES, KOMPONG CHAM HAS EXTENSIVE AMOUNTS OF UNUSED FARMLAND (OVER 3,000 HA.) AND THE ONLY MAJOR OBSTACLE TO RESETTLEMENT BESIDES SECURITY IS THE REMOVAL OF UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE FROM THE FIELDS. IF ALL GOES WELL, IT MIGHT ULTIMATELY BE POSSIBLE TO EVEN RESETTLE REFUGEES FROM THE PHNOM PENH AREA IN KOMPONG CHAM.

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D. MISCELLANEOUS. KHMER REPORTS INDICATE THAT REFUGEES CONTINUE TO STRAGGLE INTO KOMPONG THOM AND SVAY RIENG AND THERE IS AN AS YET UNCONFIRMED REPORT OF 1,000 NEW REFUGEES MOVING INTO KOH KONG PROVINCE. IN THE KOMPONG SOM - KAMPOT AREA, RELATIVELY LARGE NUMBERS OF REFUGEES, MOSTLY FISHERMEN, CONTINUE TO MOVE BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THESE TWO CITIES AND THE ISLANDS WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO SETTLE PERMANENTLY. IN PURSAT AND KOMPONG CHHNANG, REFUGEES ARE ALSO REPORTEDLY MOVING UP AND DOWN ROUTE 5 TO FIND MORE WORK AND A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND MANY ARE ABLE TO RESETTLE THEMSELVES IN THIS FASHION.

3. SIGNIFICANT RELIEF ACTIVITIES

A. LONG VEK. SINCE GOVERNMENT FORCES SUCCESSFULLY LIFTED THE SIEGE OF LONG VEK, THE TRANSPORTATION OF REFUGEES FROM THERE TO KOMPONG CHHNANG HAS BEEN TERMINATED. IN ALL, NEARLY 10,000 REFUGEES WERE MOVED BY THE KHMER NAVY AND MOST SETTLED IN TEMPORARY CAMPS TO THE SOUTH OF THE KOMPONG CHHNANG PROVINCIAL CAPITAL. CARE HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTING FOOD AND OTHER NECESSITIES ON A REGULAR BASIS SINCE THEIR ARRIVAL AND IN ADDITION HAS RECENTLY COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION UNCLASSIFIED

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OF 200 5-FAMILY BARRACKS. ON THE MEDICAL SIDE, WVRO HAD ONE OF THEIR MEDICAL TEAMS WORK TEMPORARILY IN THIS AREA TO AUGMENT THE DEDICATED BUT UNDER-SUPPLIED EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROGRAM OF THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH. (THE ASIAN CHRISTIAN SERVICE MEDICAL TEAM IS ALSO NOW JUST BEGINNING TO WORK WITH THE LONG VEK REFUGEES.) BESIDES ASSISTING EMERGENCY RELIEF, LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE ALSO MADE 800 HA. OF RELATIVELY GOOD RICE LAND AVAILABLE FOR RESETTLEMENT. CARE AGREED TO ASSIST WITH THE ACTUAL RESETTLEMENT PROJECTS BUT UNFORTUNATELY EVERYTHING HAS STOPPED BECAUSE OF RECENT HEAVY FIGHTING NEAR THE PROPOSED RESETTLEMENT SITE.

B. NEAK LOEUNG. CRS AND CARE CONTINUED TO DISTRIBUTE EMERGENCY RELIEF TO THE RECENTLY ARRIVED REFUGEES IN NEAK LOEUNG, ALTHOUGH SOME REFUGEES HAVE ON THEIR OWN RETURNED HOME OR MOVED TO OTHER AREAS (REFTEL C). SOME DISTRIBUTIONAL PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY REFUGEES MOVING FROM ONE DISTRIBUTION TO ANOTHER, BUT CRS, CARE, AND THE CD CADRE ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO TIGHTEN UP CONTROLS. (AS IN OTHER PROVINCES, CRS AND CARE HAVE DECIDED TO DIVIDE THE RELIEF WORK

GEOGRAPHICALLY, WITH CRS HANDLING THE EAST BANK OF THE MEKONG, AND CARE THE WEST.) BOTH CRS AND CARE ARE ALSO STARTING CONSTRUCTION OF TEMPORARY SHELTERS AND INITIATING SOME AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS. (SEE CRS BELOW.) THOUGH THE RELIEF PROGRAM IN NEAK LOEUNG IS PROGRESSING, DELAYS HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY THE SPORADIC ENEMY HARRASSMENT OF ROUTE 1 TO PHNOM PENH.

C. KOMPONG SOM. FOR THE LAST YEAR KOMPONG SOM HAS BEEN THE FOCUS OF EXTENSIVE VOLUNTARY AGENCY RELIEF ACTIVITY. CRS HAS BEEN THE MOST ACTIVE AND HAS CONSTRUCTED HOUSING FOR OVER 800 FAMILIES. IN ADDITION TO ESTABLISHING ON-GOING DISTRIBUTIONS OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE COMMODITIES. THE CRS MEDICAL TEAM PERMANENTLY STATIONED HERE IS MAKING REGULAR VISITS TO THE CAMPS WHILE ALSO MAKING FINAL ARRANGEMENTS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CHILD FEEDING AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS. WVRO HAS ALSO CONSTRUCTED 580 SINGLE-UNIT HOUSES AND DISTRIBUTED AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES. THOUGH THE VOLAG PROGRAMS IN KOMPONG SOM HAVE FOR THE MOST PART BEEN WELL THOUGHT OUT AND WELL EXECUTED, THEY HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL SINCE THEY HAVE NEVER HAD ENOUGH AGRICULTURAL LAND. IN ORDER TO RECTIFY THIS PROBLEM LOCAL AUTHORITIES FINALLY CAME UP WITH 310 HA.

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OF FORESTED LAND FOR THE AGRICULTURAL USE OF THE REFUGEES. THOUGH THE LAND WILL TAKE A GREAT DEAL OF PREPARATION BEFORE IT IS PRODUCTIVE, CRS AND WVRO HAVE AGREED TO FEED AND HOUSE THE REFUGEES WHO ARE SETTLED HERE WHILE ALSO SUPPLYING THE NECESSARY AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES AND TRAINING TO HELP THEM INTO PRODUCTION. THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES HAVE ALSO AGREED TO SURVEY THE LAND, MARK THE INDIVIDUAL REFUGEE PLOTS, AND TO PUT IN WRITING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE REFUGEE CAN USE THE LAND. IN ADDITION, THEY WILL HELP WITH THE CLEARING OF THE LAND AND THE INSTALLATION OF THE NECESSARY ACCESS ROADS. THE AMBASSADOR HAS EXPRESSED HIS INTENTION TO RETURN TO KOMPONG SOM ON OCTOBER 15 FOR THE INAUGURATION OF THIS RESETTLEMENT SITE.

D. THE VOLAGS

(1) UNICEF. DURING JULY, UNICEF EXPANDED ITS SUPPORT OF THE NUTRITIONAL CENTERS IN THE PREAH KET MEA LEA AND SOVIET-KHMER HOSPITALS, WHICH NOW TREAT OVER 1,400 CHILDREN A MONTH, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME CONTINUING TO SUPPORT THE NUTRITIONAL PROGRAMS OF WVRO, SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND, AND VIAAR. IN THE PROVINCES, UNICEF SENT EMERGENCY SHIPMENTS OF DRUGS TO THE HOSPITALS IN TAKEO AND SVAY RIENG. IN CONJUNCTION WITH WHO, UNICEF AGREED DURING JULY TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE 11 GKR MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH DISPENSARIES IN PHNOM PENH WHILE AT THE SAME TIME ESTABLISHING IN EACH NEW NUTRITIONAL CENTERS. (THESE CENTERS WILL BE SUPPORTED WITH PL 480 TITLE II COMMODITIES.)

DURING AUGUST, UNICEF HOPES TO START WORK ON FOUR OF THE ELEVEN DISPENSARIES.

(2) THE INDOCHINE OPERATIONS GROUP. DURING JULY THE IOG PROGRAM CONTINUED TO CONCENTRATE ON THREE BASIC RELIEF AREAS:

- REFUGEE FEEDING. WORKING THROUGH THE KHMER RED CROSS, THE IOG DISTRIBUTED FOOD AND OTHER NECESSITIES TO 75,000 REFUGEES IN SIX PROVINCES AND PHNOM PENH. (THESE ARE REGULAR DISTRIBUTIONS WHICH TAKE PLACE EVERY 2 MONTHS.) THOUGH THE NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS IS SMALLER THAN SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, THE IOG WILL CONTINUE AT THIS LEVEL SINCE THEY CAN KEEP GOOD CONTROL.

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- MEDICAL TEAMS. THERE ARE PRESENTLY SIX IOG MEDICAL TEAMS IN THE KHMER REPUBLIC: THREE SURGICAL TEAMS IN SVAY RIENG, KAMPOT, AND KOMPONG CHHNANG; ONE PEDIATRIC TEAM IN THE PREAH KET MEA LEA HOSPITAL IN PHNOM PENH; AND TWO GENERAL HEALTH TEAMS WORKING IN REFUGEE CAMPS IN AND AROUND PHNOM PENH. THE KAMPOT TEAM WILL BE REMOVED ON AUGUST 15.

- REFUGEE CAMPS. THE IOG CONTINUES TO IMPROVE THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF PHNOM PENH REFUGEE CAMPS,

INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF NEW WELLS AND WINDBREAKS, AND TO CLEAN THEM ON A REGULAR BASIS.

(3) RDF. DURING JULY, WORK CONTINUED ON THE PROJECTS OUTLINED IN REFTTEL (D). LAND PLOWED AND PLANTED IN KOMPONG THOM PROJECT AREA TOTALS 2,800 HA. AN ADDITIONAL 1,800 HA. WERE PLOWED BY REFUGEES USING TRADITIONAL MEANS. RICE SEEDS WERE PROVIDED AND THE CROP IS IN THE GROUND. FISH DRYING AND CLOTH WEAVING HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED AS ADDITIONAL INCOME PRODUCERS. CHAM CHAU: BY THE END OF JULY, 800 HA. OF LAND HAVE BEEN PLOWED AND THE REFUGEES WERE TRANSPLANTING FROM SEED BEDS. VILLAGE CONSTRUCTION IS STILL PENDING ARRIVAL OF WOOD FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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KOMPONG SOM. DANGKOR PROJECT: 414 HA. HAVE BEEN PLOWED. AN ADDITIONAL PROJECT HAS BEEN STARTED ON ROUTE 4 HALFWAY TO KOMPONG SPEU. APPROXIMATELY 200 REFUGEE FAMILIES HAVE PUT UP TEMPORARY SHELTERS AT THE CROSSROADS OF THNAL TOTEUNG WHICH WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY HEAVY FIGHTING LAST JAN.-FEB. THUS FAR, 320 HA. OF LAND HAVE BEEN PLOWED AND SEEDS PROVIDED BY RDF. RDF HAS COMPLETED FY 75 PLANS AND THEY ARE NOW UNDER MISSION REVIEW.

(4) CRS. DURING JULY, CRS SIGNIFICANTLY EXPANDED ITS RELIEF ACTIVITIES IN TWO AREAS:

- NEAK LOEUNG. BESIDES CONTINUING ITS REGULAR FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS, CRS HAS ALSO CONSTRUCTED TEMPORARY SHELTER FOR 30 FAMILIES AND IS CONTINUING TO BUILD MORE. A CRS MEDICAL TEAM HAS ALSO BEEN ASSIGNED TO NEAK LOEUNG AND THEY ARE HELPING TO SET UP SOUP KITCHENS WHILE TREATING REFUGEES IN BOTH THE LOCAL HOSPITAL AND IN THE TEMPORARY CAMPS. ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CRS HAS SECURED THE USE OF APPROXIMATELY 3,000 HA. OF LAND FOR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT AND THEY ARE NOW STARTING TO PLOW THE LAND AND TO PUT UP SOME SINGLE-UNIT HOUSES. AS IT NOW STANDS, CRS PLANS TO RESETTLE AT LEAST 1,500 FAMILIES ON THIS LAND.
- KOMPONG SPEU. AS A RESULT OF ENCOURAGEMENT BY AMBASSADOR DEAN, THE KOMPONG SPEU AUTHORITIES HAVE MADE AVAILABLE APPROXIMATELY 2,100 HA. OF FARM LAND FOR CRS IN ORDER TO RESETTLE SOME 1,700 REFUGEE FAMILIES FROM TEMPORARY CAMPS IN THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL. THE SURVEY OF THE LAND INTO INDIVIDUAL PLOTS HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND THE CLEARING AND PLOWING OF THE LAND HAS BEGUN. ON THE MEDICAL SIDE, THE CRS PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT A NEW BUT SIMPLE FACILITY FOR THE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IS NEARING COMPLETION AND THE NEW FACILITY SHOULD BE OPERATIONAL BY SEPTEMBER 1. USAID HAS ALREADY SUPPLIED THE NECESSARY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FROM ONE OF OUR MESH UNITS.

(5) WORLD VISION RELIEF ORGANIZATION. IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, WVRO HAS ESTABLISHED A MOBILE MEDICAL TEAM COMPOSED OF ONE DOCTOR AND TWO NURSES. DURING JULY THE TEAM WORKED EXTENSIVELY IN PURSAT AND IN

KOMPONG CHHNANG WITH THE REFUGEES FROM LONG VEK. (THERE ARE ALSO PLANS TO SEND THIS MOBILE TEAM TO BATTAMBANG AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.) IN PHNOM PENH THE WVRO MEDICAL AND NUTRITIONAL TEAMS CONTINUE TO EXPAND THEIR PROGRAMS AND DURING JULY TREATED OVER 13,000 PATIENTS. THE WVRO
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REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROJECTS UNFORTUNATELY HAVE NOT BEEN AS CONSISTENTLY SUCCESSFUL AS THEIR MEDICAL PROGRAM. IN KOMPONG CHHNANG, THE WVRO RESETTLEMENT SITE AT SAP ANGKOM IS A MODEL PROJECT WITH GOOD HOUSING AND EXTENSIVE RICE AND VEGETABLE LANDS. HOWEVER, JUST TO THE NORTH IN PURSAT, THE WVRO PROJECT TO ASSIST IN THE RESETTLEMENT OF THE 1,800 REFUGEE FAMILIES WHICH FLED FROM BANNOT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO HAS MADE ABSOLUTELY NO PROGRESS AND THESE REFUGEES ARE STILL LIVING IN THE SAME MAKESHIFT CAMPS THEY WERE WHEN THEY FIRST CAME IN. MISSION HAS BROUGHT THESE PROBLEMS TO THE ATTENTION OF WVRO AND THEY ARE TRYING TO TIGHTEN UP ON THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR RESETTLEMENT PROJECTS. (6) CARE. THOUGH CARE IS PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT THEIR FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM HAS EXPANDED STEADILY AND DURING JULY REACHED OVER 118,000 REFUGEES. BESIDES THEIR ON-GOING RESETTLEMENT PROJECTS IN PHNOM PENH, SIEM REAP AND ODDAR MEANCHEY, CARE HAS ALSO BEGUN TO WORK WITH THE RESETTLEMENT OF THE LONG VEK REFUGEES AND TO DO PRELIMINARY RESETTLEMENT SURVEYS IN KOMPONG SPEU AND KOMPONG CHAM.

4. REQUIREMENTS - FOR USAID

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